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SUBJECT: FRG- GDR TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT
MISSIONS

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1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING ON JULY 3, FOREIGN OFFICE
REP (BLECH) REPORTED THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT ON THE
AGENDA OF THE JULY 29 BAHR- KOHL HAD ONCE AGAIN BEEN
QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT
MISSIONS IN BONN AND EAST BERLIN. BLECH SAID SOME
MOVEMENT HAD BEEN RECORDED IN THAT KOHL HAD FOR THE
FIRST TIME ACCEPTED THAT THE TWO MISSIONS WOULD BE OF
A " SPECIAL" NATURE AND WOULD NOT BE THE SAME AS NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS. HOWEVER, IN SO DOING,
KOHL HAD STRESSED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THEIR
ACTIVITIES WOULD BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. BAHR HAD REPLIED THAT THE FRG
WOULD BE READY TO PROVIDE THE SUBSTANCE OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AS CONTAINED IN THE VIENNA CONVENTION.
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2. BLECH SAID THIS SEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED KOHL IN
PRINCIPLE, BUT THAT DISAGREEMENT REMAINED OVER THE
PRACTICAL DETAILS OF MISSION OPERATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE,
THE GDR WANTED REGULAR DIPLOMATIC NUMBERS FOR ITS

MOTOR VEHICLES, WHILE THE FRG WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE ONLY THE SPECIAL NUMBERS USED FOR NON- DIPLOMATIC STAFFS. KOHL HAD NOW COME TO AGREE THAT THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE GDR MISSION IN BONN COULD BE THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, BUT WAS STILL DEMANDING THAT THE FRG MISSION REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY. BLECH SAID THERE WAS SOME CHANCE THAT GDR FOREIGN MINISTER WINZER MIGHT RAISE THE MISSION QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL DURING THEIR UPCOMING MEETING AT CSCE IN HELSINKI. HE SAID THAT IF WINZER DID BRING UP THE TOPIC, SCHEEL WOULD SIMPLY REPLY THAT IF THE GDR ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF A SPECIAL STATUS FOR THE MISSIONS, IT SHOULD NOT CAUSE TROUBLE ABOUT PETTY DETAILS.

3. CONCERNING TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSIONS, BLECH STRESSED AGAIN THAT THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED IN ONE OR TWO NEGOTIATING SESSIONS AND THAT IF THE GDR WOULD AGREE, ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO OPEN THE OFFICES VERY SOON. THE TWO SIDES WERE STICKING TO THE TIMETABLE AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING, HOWEVER, AND SO DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BEGIN AGAIN UNTIL SOMETIME IN AUGUST. BLECH SAID BAHR'S VIEW WAS THAT THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE IN RESIDENCE IN EAST BERLIN BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

4. BOTH THE UK AND FRENCH REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS ESTIMATE OF THE FRG REP'S ARRIVAL TIME. THE UK REP (CROMARTIE) RECALLED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD

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WISHED TO SEND THEIR AMBASSADOR TO EAST BERLIN BY THE
END OF AUGUST, BUT THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY
BE WILLING TO HOLD OFF UNTIL SEPTEMBER IF IT WAS SURE
THAT THE FRG REP WOULD BE THERE BY THAT TIME. THE
FRENCH REP (BELLESCIZE) THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD
ALSO BE WILLING TO WAIT. BLECH SAID THE GERMAN SIDE
CONTINUED TO BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE THAT ITS
REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVE FIRST IN EAST BERLIN. HE
SUGGESTED EARLY EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, THE UK AND FRENCH
MIGHT WISH TO NOTE THINGS WOULD MOVE FASTER IF THE
EAST GERMANS WOULD REACH TERMS WITH THE FRG ON ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF PERMANENT MISSIONS. THE UK AND FRENCH
REPS SAID THEY WOULD REPORT THIS PROPOSAL TO THEIR
AUTHORITIES.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: AFTER THE BONN GROUP MEETING,
BELLESCIZE TOLD US THAT MINISTER JOBERT FELT HE HAD
COMMITTED HIMSELF TO SCHEEL TO DELAY SENDING A FRENCH
AMBASSADOR TO EAST BERLIN AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF
AUGUST. BELLESCIZE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT JOBERT
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WOULD AGREE TO A FURTHER DELAY IF SO REQUESTED BY THE
GERMAN SIDE, ALTHOUGH HE (BELLESCIZE) ADDED THAT HE
DOUBTED THE FRENCH SIDE WOULD BE WILLING TO WAIT MUCH
BEYOND THE END OF SEPTEMBER.
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